

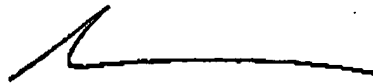
REMARKS

Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 5-8, 14, 15, 17-20, 22 and 23, but has objected to Claims 9-13, 16 and 21, stating that said objected claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response thereto, Applicant has amended base claims 5 and 17 to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 9 and 21, respectively, as well as the subject matter of the intervening Claims. Applicant has further cancelled Claims 1 and 23. As such, Applicant respectfully believes that the Claims and application are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The above-made amendments are to form only and thus, no new matter was added. Applicant respectfully believes the above-made amendments now place the Claims and application in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of February, 2005.



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